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**ABSTRACT:** Given a finite rank transformation  $R$  on Hilbert space with dyadic sum decomposition

$$\sum (u_i \otimes v_i) = R,$$

then it is shown that


$$2 \cdot \text{rank}(R) \leq r(U) + r(V) \leq \text{rank}(R) + N,$$

where  $r(U) = \dim(\text{span}(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N))$  and  
 $r(V) = \dim(\text{span}(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N))$ .

Applications to sums of decomposable Kronecker products and to sums of dyads are presented.

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Introduction. In previous works, relations between dyadic and Kronecker products of vectors (definitions follow) are explored, cf. [2], [3]. In fact, consider the general situation where finite rank linear transformation  $R$  on infinite-dimensional Hilbert space,  $H$ , is the sum of dyadic products. If the number of terms of this sum is known, then these dyadic terms can be fairly well characterized [3, Thm. 3.2]. In this paper, we consider dyadic sum decompositions for  $R$  where  $N$ , the number of terms, is not known a priori, and present a sharp inequality which ties together

- (i) the rank of  $R$ ,
- (ii) the ranks (dimension of the spans) of the dyad component vectors, and
- (iii)  $N$ , the number of distinct dyads which sum to  $R$ .

This inequality proves useful for establishing necessary conditions for certain special questions, e.g., when do  $N$  dyads sum to a single Kronecker product, or when do  $N$  dyads sum to (another) dyad? These questions, in turn, relate to the complexity question in the computation of matrix products, cf., [4], [1].

2. Definitions and Preliminaries.  $L(H,K)$  denotes all bounded linear transformations from Hilbert space  $H$  to Hilbert space  $K$ . Among the elements of  $L(H,K)$  are the dyads (rank one transformations)  $(x \times y)$  defined for each  $y \in H$ ,  $x \in K$  by requiring that for all  $z \in H$ ,  $(x \times y):z \rightarrow \langle z,y \rangle x$ , where  $\langle \ , \ \rangle$  is the inner product on  $H$ . We proceed to give the Kronecker or tensor product

$A \otimes B^t$ : First, for  $A \in L(H, K)$ ,  $A^*$ , the adjoint of  $A$ , is that element of  $L(K, H)$  given by  $\langle Ay, x \rangle = \langle y, Ax \rangle$  for all  $y \in H$ ,  $x \in K$ . As an example,  $(x \times y)^* = (y \times x)$  for all dyads.  $\bar{H}$  denotes the Hilbert space of linear functionals on  $H$ . That is, for  $x \in H$ ,  $\bar{x} \in \bar{H}$  is defined by  $\bar{x}: y \rightarrow \langle y, x \rangle$  for all  $y \in H$ . This leads to the definition of  $A^t \in L(\bar{K}, \bar{H})$  where  $A \in L(H, K)$ . In fact, for all  $x \in H$ ,  $\bar{y} \in \bar{K}$ , we define  $A^t(\bar{y})(x) = \bar{y}(A(x))$ . Finally, for any  $A \in L(H_1, K_1)$ ,  $B \in L(H_2, K_2)$  we define the Kronecker (or tensor) product  $A \otimes B^t$  by  $A \otimes B^t: C \rightarrow ACB$  for all  $C \in L(K_2, H_1)$ .

We will use  $\text{rk}(R)$  to denote the rank of a transformation  $R$ , i.e.,  $\text{rk}(R)$  is the dimension of the range of  $R$ . Also, if  $U = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\} \subset H$ , then we will use  $r(U)$  to denote the rank of the set  $U$ , i.e.,  $r(U)$  is the dimension of span  $\langle U \rangle$ , the linear span of the set  $U$ .

Before arriving at our inequality, we will be using the following characterization of dyadic sums:

Theorem 2.1 ([3, Th. 3.2]). Given finite-rank linear transformation  $R \in L(H, K)$  and the set  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n, \dots, u_N\} \subset K$  where the range of  $R$  is a subspace of  $\text{span} \langle U \rangle$ . Assume (by re-ordering if necessary) that the first  $n \leq N$  elements of  $U$  form a basis for  $\text{span} \langle U \rangle$  (i.e.,  $n = r(U)$ , the rank of  $U$ ). Accordingly the  $N-n \geq 0$  remaining vectors  $u_{n+1}, u_{n+2}, \dots, u_N$  define  $N-n$  scalars  $\{\alpha_i^{(j)}: i = 1, 2, \dots, n, j = n+1, n+2, \dots, N\}$  by the equations

$$u_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i^{(j)} u_i, \quad j = n+1, n+2, \dots, N.$$

Then for  $N-n$  arbitrary vectors  $\{v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, \dots, v_N\} \subset H$  we have the representation

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (u_i \times v_i) = R \quad (2.1)$$

if and only if each "earlier"  $v_i$  is given by

$$v_i = R^*(\hat{u}_i) - \sum_{j=n+1}^N \bar{\alpha}_i^{(j)} v_j, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-r(U), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $\{\hat{u}_1, \hat{u}_2, \dots, \hat{u}_n\} \in \text{span } \langle U \rangle$  is the unique biorthonormal complement to  $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  in  $\text{span } \langle U \rangle$  (i.e.,  $\langle \hat{u}_i, u_j \rangle = \delta_{ij}$ , the Kronecker delta). The summation in (2.2) is taken to be zero in case  $n = N$ .

### 3. The Inequality

**Theorem 3.1.** Given finite-rank linear transformation  $R \in L(H, K)$  and sets of vectors  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_N\} \subset K$ ,  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_N\} \subset H$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (u_i \times v_i) = R. \quad (3.1)$$

Then

$$2 \cdot \text{rk}(R) \leq r(U) + r(V) \leq \text{rk}(R) + N, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $\text{rk}(R)$  = dimension (range of  $R$ ), and

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Proof: By re-ordering the terms of sum (3.1) if necessary, we will assume that the first  $n = r(U)$  elements,  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  of  $U$ , form a basis for span  $\langle U \rangle$ . Thus, the ordered set  $V$  lends itself to characterization (2.2). In fact,

$$r(V) = \text{rank}(\text{span}\langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1}, \dots, v_N \rangle), \quad (3.3)$$

where  $v_i = R^*(\hat{u}_i) - \sum_{j=n+1}^N \bar{\alpha}_i^{(j)} v_j$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  (from (2.2)).

Equivalently,

$$r(V) = \text{rank}(\text{span}\langle R^*(\hat{u}_1), R^*(\hat{u}_2), \dots, R^*(\hat{u}_n), v_{n+1}, \dots, v_N \rangle) \quad (3.4)$$

The equivalence of (3.3) and (3.4) follows by observing that each of the  $N$  vectors in (3.4) belongs to the linear span of the  $N$  vectors in (3.3), and vice versa. From (3.4) we now obtain

$$\begin{aligned} r(V) &\leq \text{rank}(\text{span}\langle R^*(\hat{u}_1), \dots, R^*(\hat{u}_n) \rangle) + \text{rank}(\text{span}\langle v_{n+1}, \dots, v_N \rangle) \\ &\leq \text{rk}(R^*) + N - n \\ &= \text{rk}(R) + N - r(U), \end{aligned} \quad (3.5)$$

which gives us the right-hand side of inequality (3.2). Obtaining the left-hand side of (3.2) is immediate, since from (3.1) we deduce that  $\text{span } \langle U \rangle \supset \text{range } R$ , while  $\text{span } \langle V \rangle \supset \text{range } R^*$  (recall  $(u_i \times v_i)^* = (v_i \times u_i)$ ). Thus,  $r(U) \geq \text{rk}(R)$  and  $r(V) \geq \text{rk}(R^*) = \text{rk}(R)$  implying

$$2 \cdot \text{rk}(R) \leq r(U) + r(V). \quad (3.6)$$

Finally, (3.5) with (3.6) establishes (3.2) and the proof is done. ■

Is the inequality sharp? The left side of (3.2) yields equality whenever the entire  $N$ -element sets  $U$  and  $V$  are linearly independent (i.e., when  $n = N = \text{rk}(R)$ ). In following the proof of the right-hand inequality for (3.2), we observe the two inequalities in (3.5). The first inequality yields equality if and only if

$$\text{span}\langle R^*(\hat{u}_1), R^*(\hat{u}_2), \dots, R^*(\hat{u}_n) \rangle \cap \text{span}\langle v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, \dots, v_N \rangle = \{0\}.$$

That is, by choosing each of the  $N-n$  arbitrary vectors  $v_{n+1}, \dots, v_N$  in  $H$  outside the range of  $R^*$ . The second inequality of (3.5) becomes equality if and only if the  $N-n$  element set  $\{v_{n+1}, v_{n+2}, \dots, v_N\}$  is linearly independent.

4. Final Remarks. In [3, Th. 4.2, 4.3], it is shown that

$$\sum(u_i \times v_i) = R \text{ if and only if } \sum(u_i \otimes v_i) = R' \quad (4.1)$$

where the passage from  $R$  to  $R'$  is a well-defined linear relationship. This provides a dual form to (3.2) with tensor products replacing the dyads of (3.1) and this  $R'$  replacing  $R$ . As an easy special case, let us use (3.2) and dyad-tensor duality to justify the following statements for non-zero  $u_i, v_i, x_i, y_i \in H$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

Proposition. Suppose

$$(u_1 \times v_1) + (u_2 \times v_2) = (u_3 \times v_3), \text{ and} \quad (4.2a)$$

$$(x_1 \otimes u_1) + (x_2 \otimes u_2) = (x_3 \otimes u_3). \quad (4.2b)$$

Then all the  $u_i$ 's or else all the  $v_i$ 's are non-zero scalar multiples of each other. Similarly, all the  $x_i$ 's or else all the  $y_i$ 's are scalar multiples of each other.

Proof. The proof of this assertion will not appeal to the definitions of the dyad  $(u_i \times v_i)$  or of the tensor  $(x_i \otimes y_i)$ , since inequality (3.2) applies. In fact, write (4.2a) as

$$(u_1 \times v_1) + (u_2 \times v_2) - (u_3 \times v_3) = 0 \text{ (i.e., } N = 3, R = 0 \text{)} \quad (4.2a')$$

from which we obtain via (3.2) that

$$2 \cdot 0 \leq r(\{u_1, u_2, u_3\}) + r(\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}) \leq 0 + 3. \quad (4.3)$$

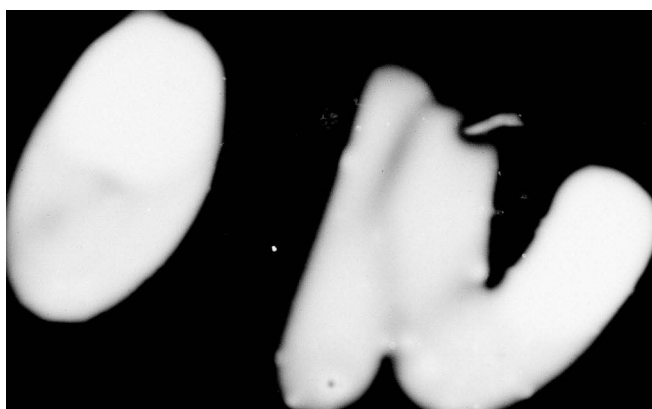
Since we have assumed no  $u_i$  or  $v_i$  is zero, the ranks  $r(u), r(v) \geq 1$ . At the same time, the upper bound of 3 given by (4.3) assures us that both  $r(u) = 2$  and  $r(v) = 2$  can not happen, i.e., at least one of the terms  $r(u), r(v)$  in (4.3) equals one, or all the  $u_i$ 's or all the  $v_i$ 's are scalar multiples of each other. By our duality result, (4.1), (4.2a') is equivalent to

$$(u_1 \otimes v_1) + (u_2 \otimes v_2) - (u_3 \otimes v_3) = 0 ,$$

and the same conclusion obtains, i.e., in (4.2b), either  $r(\{x_1, x_2, x_3\})$  or  $r(\{y_1, y_2, y_3\})$  equals one, or all the  $x_i$ 's or all the  $y_i$ 's are scalar multiples of each other if (4.2b) is given.

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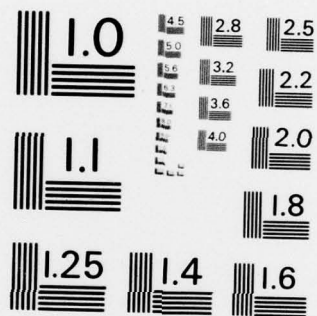
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